

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, claims 7, 12, 13, 15, 41, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,678,735 (Orton).

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 6, 9-11, 17, 21, 23-28, 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 43 and 45, and the indication that claims 2-4, 8, 18, and 19 contain allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate subject matter of former claim 2 (now cancelled), which was indicated by the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, independent claim 12 is now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 15 has been amended to add the "random access channel" feature of former claim 2. Therefore, claim 15 is also in condition for allowance.


Claims 18 and 19 have been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of each of the claims remaining *unchanged*. These claims are also now in condition for allowance, as indicated by the Office Action.

Independent claims 41 and 42 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejection of those claims moot.

In view of the foregoing, all claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0063US).

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